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Supplemental Preliminary Amendment**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-35 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 36-75, as follows:

Claims 1-35 (Canceled).

36. (New) A method of applying a cosmetic product contained in a packaging device, the cosmetic product comprising a body care product, excluding depilatory waxes, the method comprising:

placing the packaging device in a microwave oven;

raising the temperature of the cosmetic product via exposure to microwave radiation inside the microwave oven; and

applying the cosmetic product via an applicator.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the packaging device comprises the applicator and a container containing the cosmetic product, and the method further comprises detaching the applicator from the container prior to raising the temperature of the cosmetic product via exposure to microwave radiation.

38. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein raising the temperature of the cosmetic product via exposure to microwave radiation inside the microwave oven does not include placing the applicator inside the microwave oven.

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39. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the applicator comprises an application surface, and the method further comprises placing the applicator inside the microwave oven and exposing the applicator to microwave radiation in order to increase a temperature of the application surface.

40. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the cosmetic product includes properties which permit the cosmetic product to be applied either hot after heating, or at ambient temperature without heating.

41. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein raising the temperature of the cosmetic product comprises raising the temperature to a temperature between 30°C and 80°C.

42. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the cosmetic product is exposed to microwave radiation for a duration between 1 second and 60 seconds.

43. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the cosmetic product is exposed to microwave radiation for a duration between 2 seconds and 50 seconds.

44. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the cosmetic product is exposed to microwave radiation for a duration between 3 seconds and 25 seconds.

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45. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein placing the packaging device in the microwave oven comprises orienting the packaging device in a recumbent position, such that a height of the cosmetic product within the packaging device relative to a surface on which the packaging device is placed is lower than a height of the cosmetic product when the packaging device is presented relative to the surface in an in use orientation.

46. (New) A device for packaging a cosmetic product, the device comprising:
an applicator; and
a container containing the cosmetic product,
wherein the device is configured to be heated in a microwave oven, and the cosmetic product comprises a body care product, excluding depilatory waxes.

47. (New) The device of claim 46, further comprising an indicator configured to be sensitive to a temperature of the cosmetic product.

48. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator is integral with the container.

49. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator is configured to be integral with the applicator at least when the device is placed in a microwave oven.

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50. (New) The device of claim 47, further comprising a closure element configured to close the container, wherein the indicator is configured to be integral with the closure element at least when the device is placed in a microwave oven.

51. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator is configured to change color based on temperature.

52. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator is configured to change color at about a transition temperature.

53. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator is configured to change appearance in a reversible manner based on temperature.

54. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator is configured to change state at a temperature lower than a temperature to which it is desired to heat the cosmetic product.

55. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator comprises at least one flexible support operably coupled to the device.

56. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator comprises at least one flexible support operably coupled to the device via glue.

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57. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator comprises an ink comprising a thermochromic pigment printed on the device.

58. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the indicator comprises a thermochromic pigment incorporated into at least a portion of the device.

59. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the container comprises at least two regions defining differing thicknesses, and the indicator covers at least a portion of the at least two regions.

60. (New) The device of claim 47, wherein the device comprises two indicators, and the two indicators are configured to have differing transition temperatures.

61. (New) The device of claim 46, further comprising a closure element configured to close the container.

62. (New) The device of claim 46, wherein the container is configured to be permeable to microwave radiation.

63. (New) The device of claim 46, further comprising a reference mark configured to indicate to a user a position in which the device should be placed in a microwave oven.

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64. (New) The device of claim 46, wherein the device defines a wall configured to permit the device to be placed in a recumbent position in a stable manner.

65. (New) The device of claim 46, wherein the device defines a wall having a prismatic transverse cross-section defining at least one flat surface.

66. (New) The device of claim 46, wherein the device includes a notice informing a user that the device may be placed in a microwave oven.

67. (New) The device of claim 46, further comprising an anti-splash element configured to reduce a risk of the cosmetic product being expelled via expansion of air when the device is opened due to excess pressure created via heating the cosmetic product.

68. (New) The device of claim 46, further comprising a flow-reducing element configured to reduce a risk of cosmetic product loss upon overturning of the container.

69. (New) The device of claim 46, wherein the cosmetic product is liquid at ambient temperature.

70. (New) The device of claim 46, wherein the device does not comprise metal.

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71. (New) The device of claim 46, wherein the container comprises a wall at least partially comprising a first material, and wherein an external surface of the container is at least partially surrounded by a thermal insulator.

72. (New) The device of claim 71, wherein the thermal insulator comprises a second material having a lower thermal conductivity than a thermal conductivity of the first material.

73. (New) The device of claim 46, further comprising a safety valve configured to open in response to excess pressure in the container.

74. (New) The device of claim 46, further comprising a stand configured to raise the container relative to a surface on which the container is placed.

75. (New) The device of claim 74, wherein the stand comprises a temperature indicator.